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INSTITUTE PRICE REDUCTIONS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 27 Jan 51

As a result of last November's currency reform, the Polish government has ordered the following price reductions for food items and other essential consumers' goods, effective 1 January 1951 (in percent):

Pork and sausages

up to 20 Shoes

13 Leather goods

20 Electric bulbs

Electrical goods

30 Various types of metal goods

37 Window glass

Various products of the metallurgical industry

Price reductions for machines, electrical equipment and apparatus, and transformers amounted to 25 percent, and for tractors, trucks, trailers, engines and electrically driven pumps, to 15 percent.

These reductions are to remain in effect for the duration of the Six-Year Plan.

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GOVERNMENT CONTROLS CREATE CONSUMERS' GOODS SHORTAGES -- Rome, Bollettino Danubiano, 29 Jan 51

The Polish government, acting on Marshal Rokossovskiy's demand, has tightened its control over essential raw materials necessary for war industry, beginning 15 January 1951. All available stocks of iron and cement have been frozen and placed at the disposal of the General Staff of the Army.

The rations of liquid fuels have been reduced to a minimum; this applies also to vehicles used by government offices. The disappearance of many common hardware items from the stores and the reduction of consumers' goods distributed to the workers on ration cards has also been noted. Almost nothing can be obtained in so-called free stores run by the government, even for the high prices established by the Ministry of Trade.

SET UP MODERN DAIRY -- Zycie Warszawy, 14 Jun 50

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Cooperative Building Enterprise No 2 is constructing modern dairies at 164/166 Pulawski Street, Warsaw. The dairies are expected to produce 60,000 liters of milk daily. Initial production is planned for 22 July 1950, provided the necessary equipment and machines are delivered on time.

The dairies have a processing room where the milk will be pasteurized and bottled, a boiler room, garages, and stables. The total volume of the dairy buildings is 25,000 cubic meters.

PLEDGE INCREASED SUGAR PRODUCTION -- Warsaw, Zwiazkowiec, 8 Oct 50

The workers of the Malbork Sugar Plant have pledged to increase the daily norm for sugar-beet processing from 17,500 quintals to 18,500 quintals. The plant's workers have called on workers of other sugar plants to make similar pledges.

EXPLOIT WILD GAME -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 23 Dec 50

Game supplies Poland yearly with 12 million kilograms of meat, besides hides for domestic use and export valued at 6,600,000 zlotys. The hunting grounds take up 27,000 hectares and are estimated to contain the following number of animals:

Bucks	27,500
Does	85,000
Boars	38,000
Pheasants	34,500
Mouflon	65,000
Partridges	1,000,000
Wild ducks	1,000,000
Hares	1,200,000
Wild rabbits	210,000

In the 1948 - 1949 season, 10,000 boars, deer, and fallow deer were bagged. A minimum seasonal bag of 15,000 game animals is expected during the Six-Year. Plan, three-fifths of which is to consist of boars.

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